(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) No complaint has been brought to notice in regard to the collection of dues from these markets.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) The Proverthikars and Tahsildars have been asked to watch and report such vagaries, if any.

(*f*) Evening markets are either public or private. Leases for the collection of tolls in the former and licenses for the latter have already been given for 1101. However, the Land Revenue Commissioner has been asked to see that the levy of fees in such markets is stopped, compensation being paid, if absolutely necessary.

Pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

141. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): (1) Are the Government aware that, before the re-organisation of 1098, the Sub-Assistant Surgeons were getting just half of the pay of the Assistant Surgeons, but that the proportion has not been kept up after the re-organisation?

(2) Do the Government know if the Darbar Physician received a memorial from the Sub-Assistant Surgeons in 1099, regarding the re-organisation of 1098?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to say what action they propose to take in the matter?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) It is just three years since the re-organisation was effected. It is too soon to take up the question of revision of pay again.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Government admit that the proportion between the pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons and the Assistant Surgeons was reversed after the reorganisation of 1098?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not exactly a reversal of the proportion; it is a difference in the proportion.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Yes. Whereas the Assistant Surgeons used to get the salary of Rs. 80-140; previous to the reorganisation, they are now given from Rs. 100-200; the Sub-Assistant Surgeons used to get Rs. 80, that is the same minimum and there is no increase as far as they are concerned while the others have been given an increase. May I know why there was a revision in the one case and there was no revision in the other case?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): If I understand right there was a change of pay introduced by the re-organisation though of course the same proportion was not kept up.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know what is the qualification obtaining among the Sub-Assistant Surgeons?

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MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That does not arise from the question to which answer has been furnished.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Do the Government mean to say that they want notice for the answer?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether for promotion being given to the Sub-Assistant Surgeons any examination is necessary?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether that practice is not abolished in British India?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information on the point.

Post Mortem Examinations.

142. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that there have been several occasions in which serious differences of opinion and disputes between the Medical Officers and the Police authorities have arisen regarding *post mortem* examinations and certificates by the former and that, thereby, a sense of insecurity is increasing among the people?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to make the following arrangements for remedying this state of affairs:—

(i) the *mahazar* by the Police regarding the condition of the dead body, and the marks, etc., on it should be checked to the extent possible, and signed also by the Medical Officer making the *post mortem* examination, the latter entering therein any important differences that he finds from the *mahazar*, and, wherever possible, such entries should be subscribed by two witnesses, with any notes that they may have to add;

(ii) the facts regarding the condition of the different organs, etc., to be mentioned in the *post mortem* certificate should be ascertained and written out by the Medical Officer in the presence of the Police Officer in charge of the dead body, and wherever possible, of two witnesses, and should be subscribed by the Police Officer, and the witnesses if any;

(iii) the Police Officer concerned should at once do the needful for having the dead body examined by another Medical Officer also, if he has reason to believe that the facts set down by the Medical Officer are incorrect or misleading?

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